

13 December 1948

Commander Grant E. Brown, USNR  
President, Naval Armory Chapter, ROA,  
351 East Ohio Street,  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Brown:

Thank you very much for your kind invitation in your letter of 1 December 1948 to address the Reserve Officers' Association about intelligence. At present I must decline because the less publicity any intelligence organization has, the better it will do its work, and there has been in the past, altogether too much publicity on this subject.

While I appreciate the honor extended to me to address your chapter, I should like for you to excuse me and to excuse me to your colleagues in the Naval Armory Chapter.

With best wishes, please believe me,

Sincerely,

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Rear Admiral, USN  
Director of Central  
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Central Records - w/basic ltr of 1 Dec 48 inviting DCI to address the Naval Armory Chapter, ROA and also the Cook County Chapter, ROA (Army) -- an audience of at least a thousand Reserve Officers. Suggested following dates: 14 Jan, 3 Apr, 20 May, 3 Jul, 19 Aug or 9 Sep.

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